

**BURIEN BUSINESS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (BEDP)
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: December 7, 2007

Time: 7-8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Mary Averett, Rick Cosgrave, David Elliott, Bob Ewing, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Karen Lautermilch, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland

Excused Absentees: Harvey Aulgur, Nancy Damon, Jim Hughes, Jane Voget

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager; Janet Stallman, Department Assistant, City Manager's Office

Guests: Patty Sader, Interim Executive Director, Discover Burien; Kathy Keene, Burien City Council-elect; Marco Milanese, SeaTac Airport; Councilmember Lucy Krakowiak

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. by Kevin Fitz

Minutes: The Minutes from November 16 were approved as written.

Chair's Report – Kevin Fitz

No report was given. Kevin mentioned that Burien was shown on CNN Wednesday with live feed from Cove Point Rd.

City Manager's Report – Mike Martin

Mike Martin gave his report including updates on annexation, how Burien weathered the rainstorm, and that the Lora Lakes MOU will be signed by elected officials next Thursday. He also mentioned that he had attended a meeting in Olympia on subsidized housing for teachers, and that he was hoping to investigate the possibility of new onramps and off-ramps that would serve the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA).

Mike mentioned that Council would be discussing on December 17th whether or not to include retail in the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) in the Burien Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Councilmember Krakowiak mentioned that her position was to wait for the master plan study to be done and then decide what would best fit in NERA.

Q. What is the Study for NERA that you've referred to? We have a \$75,000 grant to do a master planning strategy for NERA. Another \$500,000 will come from the state to do economic planning in NERA. These are the studies we're talking about. They have not yet been completed.

Q. Is the City raising B&O taxes and property taxes? A. No and no. The State required that municipalities with a B&O tax standardize them. We have to have a uniform tax code by statute.

This will mean massive changes in sales tax by early July. It has reduced the B&O tax in Burien.

Discover Burien Report – Doug Moreland/Patty Sader

In the last couple of weeks, holiday decorations went up and Winterfest occurred. Those who came had a good time. We will be offering a networking event, January 23rd for our membership. It will start at 4 or 5PM. One of the outcomes of the membership survey was that members want to know who their neighbors are. Burien Town Square will be hosting the event. We continue to give out welcome bags to new businesses.

Economic Development Manager Report – Dick Loman

Dick Loman made his presentation on the Economic Cluster Initiative, which he first presented at the Burien Cluster group meeting on November 14.

Some discussion was prompted by the presentation:

Dave Elliott suggested utilizing retired doctors and nurses to teach classes. Another suggestion was to make sure that the Puget Sound Skills Center is part of this initiative. Mark Minium mentioned that funding can come from the private sector for some of these educational endeavors. He donates money to Shoreline's Voc/Tech School because at least one-third of his service people are trained there. Michael Goldsmith mentioned that another program we might consider is training workers in the green building industry. This field will continue to grow, and there are areas of the industry that we don't even know yet.

Dick mentioned that he would like to bring this cluster development initiative idea to Council after the Cluster group has met one more time in January. He asked for the BEDP's support.

Dave Elliott moved that the BEDP support the efforts of the cluster initiative in Burien. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved. Dave asked that Dick bring back information on what the BEDP can do to help support the initiative.

Town square leasing update: Sales of condominiums are hovering around 41 or 42. Closing on the rest of the property will be December 21st. We'll have just under \$3 million cash coming out of that deal. The Disposition & Development Agreement (DDA) provides that if sales of the condominiums really fall apart, Urban Partners would have extra time to begin construction of Phase 2. Their current plans are to begin construction next summer on Phase 2, which is still the original schedule.

The hotel developers are about one and one-half months into the due diligence period; everything is still looking good. These developers also submitted RFQ's for the Transit Oriented Development. Both Wasatch & Urban Partners are going to be asked to provide firm proposals.

The City/Hall Library building is to begin construction in March.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Another discussion around the upcoming decision by Council regarding whether retail will be included in the Comprehensive Plan Amendments was initiated. It was pointed out that we already know that if the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) was built-out solely light

industrial that the net to the city would be under \$300,000. Several members felt that it is critical to have sales tax generated from retail in NERA. After much discussion, Mark Minium made a motion that retail be included in the Comprehensive Plan Amendment for NERA. The motion was seconded. Motion was passed with no opposition, but one abstention by Bob Ewing.

Mike Martin said that the record of the two motions passed by BEDP today would be included in the next City Manager Report to Council.

The meeting scheduled for December 21, 2007 was canceled by vote; next meeting will be January 11, 2008.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 a.m.